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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARVIA EXPANSION, Q'S AND A'S

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1. FOLLOWING ARE CHANGES WHICH FCO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
IN Q'S AND A'S CONTAINED IN REFTEL. FOLLOWING PARAS.
ARE KEYED TO NUMBERING OF QUESTIONS IN REFTEL.

2. FCO DOES NOT SEE VIRTUE IN GIVING NAMES OF VESSELS,
AND SPECIFICALLY QUERIES NEED TO NOTE THAT BAINBRIDGE
IS NUCLEAR POWERED, SINCE "NUCLEAR" IS EMOTIVE WORD IN
INDIAN OCEAN CONTEXT. FCO PROPOSES THAT SENTENCE
BEGINNING "CURRENTLY THE NUCLEAR POWERED....." AND
ENDING "OPERATING IN THE AREA" BE DELETED AND REPLACED
BY "CURRENTLY TWO NAVAL VESSELS ARE OPERATING IN THE
AREA."

5 AND 6. IN BOTH ANSWERS THE WORD "TERRITORIES" IN BIOT
SHOULD BE SINGULAR. IN THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 6 FCO
WISHES TO DELETE THE NAMES OF THE OTHER ISLANDS,
EXPECIALLY ALDABRA WHICH HAS ENVIRONMENTAL CONNOTATIONS
DOMESTICALLY IN UK. THEY WISH THEREFORE TO REVISE
SECOND SENTENCE TO READ "THIS SUPPLEMENTS THE BASIC
AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 30, 1966, REGARDING THE BRITISH
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INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY."

7. IN THE ANSWER DELETE "CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO" IN FIRST
SENTENCE AND SUBSTITUTE "BIOT" OR "BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN
TERRITORY."

12. IN ANSWER, REVISE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ "A
BRITISH NAVAL PRESENCE IS ALSO MAINTAINED IN THE INDIAN

OCEAN IN SUPPORT OF OTHER UK DEFENSE COMMITMENTS THERE,
EG, THE FIVE POWER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS." BRITISH DO
NOT FEEL IT DESIRABLE TO SPECIFY NAMES OF MEMBERS OF
FPDA.

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13. BRITISH HAVE HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THEIR ORIGINAL SUGGESTION OF REFERRING TO GAN. THEY THEREFORE WISH TO DELETE ALL OF THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE ANSWER. THE ANSWER WOULD THEREFORE SIMPLY READ "THE AGREEMENT WOULD PERMIT THIS. BUT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO DO SO AT PRESENT."

17. THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE ANSWER BEGINNING "FURTHER-MORE THE REMOTENESS...." STRIKES THE FCO AS DISINGENUOUS, AND THEY SUGGEST US MIGHT WISH TO DROP IT, BUT THEY DO NOT INSIST.

30. BRITISH UNDERSTAND THAT WASHINGTON STILL HAS THIS ANSWER UNDER REVIEW. FCO IS INCLINED TO ACCEPT FORMULATION AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL BUT THEY NOTE THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF ONE COULD SAY THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHILE FCO APPRECIATES FIRMNESS OF US POSITION ON THIS POINT, JACKSON SAID BRITISH MAY WISH TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION FURTHER WITH WASHINGTON, POSSIBLY MONDAY.

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